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For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT
CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C
VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A
CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

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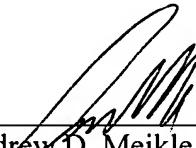
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